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For : BAND SAW MACHINE, SAW BLADE INSTALLATION METHOD IN BAND
SAW MACHINE, SAW BLADE DRIVING METHOD, AND CUTTING
METHOD

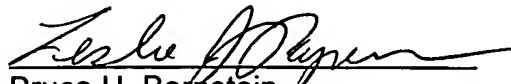
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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 and 365 based upon Japanese Application No. 2003-376790, filed November 6, 2003, 2004-139690, filed May 10, 2004 and 2004-147415, filed May 18, 2004. The International Bureau already should have sent a certified copy of the Japanese applications to the United States designated office. If the certified copy has not arrived, please contact the undersigned.

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